LOK SABHA

Tuesday, July 30, 1996/Sravana 8, 1918 (Saka)

(The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock)

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to inform the House that the great freedom fighter Aruna Asaf Ali passed away on the 29th of July, 1996 around 4 p.m. in the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, at the age of 87 years.

Aruna Asaf Ali represented the radical face of India's freedom movement. She was astaunch socialist who believed in the establishment of an equitable economic order and a fair deal for the working class a Corporator, who demonstrated that the system best administered is best; a journalist of rare objectivity, an activist who steered the movement for empowerment of women; and a secularist in profession and practice She symbolised the composite culture of India. In her demise, the nation has lost one of the greatest Indian women of the century. We will miss her when we celebrate fifty years of our independene.

I am sure the House will join me in paying homage to the departed colossus that Aruna Asaf Ali was.

The House may now stand in silence for a while as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while

11.02 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE : SITTING OF LOK SABHA

MR. SPEAKER : In the meeting of the Leaders of all Political Parties it was decided that the House adjourn for the day. But since the Railway Budget has to be passed and Electoral Reforms Bill has to be passed, it was decided that we will resume our sitting at six o'clock.

So, the House stands adjourned to meet again today at 6.00 p.m.

11.03 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eighteen of the Clock

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Milk Production

*261. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the total requirement and production of milk during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the per capita availability of milk at present, State-wise;

(c) whether the milk production is sufficient in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government to increase the milk production and check increasing prices of the milk in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b). State-wise information of milk production, requirement of milk and per capita availability of milk is given in Statement.

(c) Milk Production at present is not sufficient to meet the recommended nutritional requirement of 220 gm. per head per day.

(d) Main reason are as under :

(i) low productivity of indigenous breeds.

(ii) increase in human population.

(iii) inadequate animal health care facilities.

(iv) inadequate availability of green fodder and concentrates.

(e) Concerted efforts have been made to increase milk production in the the country. Various programmes in this regard are as under :

1. Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their hometracts and upgrading in other selected areas.
2. Cross-breedings of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds;
3. Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas;
4. Development of feed and fodder resources;